

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An server image processing apparatus, connected to a client via a network for editing image data based on image editing commands from the client, the server comprising:

a storing unit to store image files;

a first image editing unit to edit a low resolution part of an image file stored in the storing unit in response to an image editing command from the client ~~another image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;~~

an informing unit to inform the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ that the image editing process has been completed by the first image editing unit;

a job supplying unit to supply form a job commanding a high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit to be edited; and

a second image editing unit to asynchronously edit the high resolution part of the image file stored in the storing unit at a prescribed time in response to the job supplied from formed by the job supplying unit.

2. (Cancelled) The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

3. (Currently Amended) The server image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client other image forming apparatus commands the image file to be displayed, encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image file is transmitted to the client other image processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The server image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client other image processing apparatus commands a portion of the high resolution part of the image file to be displayed in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the portion of the high resolution part of the image file is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image file is encoded and transmitted to the client other image processing apparatus.

5. (Currently Amended) The server image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the client other image processing apparatus is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the image file cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

6. (Currently Amended) The server image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the client other image processing apparatus commands a printing process to be conducted for the image file including the high resolution part of the image file, in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the client other image processing apparatus is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.

7. (Currently Amended) An image editing method used with an server image processing apparatus connected to a client via a network for editing image data based on image editing commands from the client, the image editing method comprising:

storing an image file;

a) ~~editing~~ a low resolution part of ~~an~~ the stored image file in response to an image editing command from the client ~~another image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;~~

b) ~~informing the other image processing apparatus~~ client that the image editing process has been completed;

e) ~~supplying~~ forming a job commanding a high resolution part of the image to be edited;
and

d) ~~editing~~ the high resolution part of the image ~~asynchronously at a prescribed time~~ in response to the job.

8. (Cancelled) The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media storing instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer having an ~~image processing apparatus~~ server, where the ~~image processing apparatus~~ server is in communication with ~~another image processing apparatus~~ a client via a network, cause the computer to:

store an image file;

edit a low resolution part of an the stored image file in response to an image editing command from the client ~~other image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;~~

inform the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ that the image editing process has been completed by the first image editing function;

~~supply form~~ a job commanding a high resolution part of the image file to be edited; and
~~asynchronously~~ edit the high resolution part of the image file ~~at a prescribed time~~ in response to the job supplied from the job supplying function.

10. (Cancelled) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

11. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the client ~~other image forming apparatus~~ commands the image file to be displayed, encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image file is transmitted to the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a portion of the high resolution part of the image file to be displayed in a case where the second image editing function has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image file, the portion of the high resolution part of the image file is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image file is encoded and transmitted to the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the file ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the image file cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

14. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ commands a printing process to be conducted for the image file including the high resolution part of the image file, in a case where the second image editing function has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the client ~~other image processing apparatus~~ is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.